

REMARKS

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's careful examination of this case. Reconsideration and re-examination are respectfully requested in view of the instant amendments and remarks.

With regard to paragraph 2 of the Office Action, claim 14 has been amended as requested by the Examiner.

Also with regard to paragraph 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 4, 6, 7 and 20 as being anticipated by Stuckart, U.S. 5,164,094. The Examiner indicated that claims 2, 3, 5 and 8 - 19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 as filed herewith is a combination of claims 1 and 2. Claim 2 has been deleted because it has been inserted into claim 1.

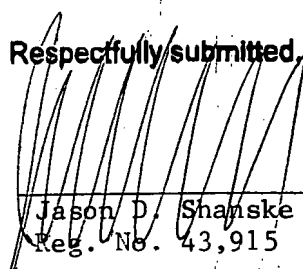
The amended claim 1 filed herewith thus includes allowable subject matter as kindly agreed by the Examiner at the bottom of page 2 of the Office Action. Claim 2 has been deleted because it has been included in claim 1. The remaining claims 3 - 20 are believed to be allowable because they include all of the features of claim 1, which claim 1 is believed to be allowable for the reasons stated above.

In claim 1 as last amended, it was noted that some wording was inadvertently typed twice. This wording has been removed. At the end of claim 3, the word "the" has been inserted to facilitate reading of the claim. In claims 5 and 10 - 19, the wording "according to" rather than "as claimed in" has been employed so that the opening of all the claims reads consistently. At claim 12 line 4 the word "a" has been inserted after "by" to facilitate reading of the claim.

Each of the Examiner's rejections has been addressed or transversed. It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

If for any reason this Response is found to be incomplete, or if at any time it appears that a telephone conference with Counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or one of his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts, at (781) 890-5678.

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